

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Sometimes it is done; in this case, it improves the amenities of the inhabitants of the capital.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): We have been told, Sir, that the Thampanoor Valley Scheme has been postponed. May I know whether any other work, under the Town-Planning Scheme, is to be taken up next year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Government have not decided the question yet.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha*): Do the Government expect the lands they have acquired, to fetch, when they are resold, more than what the Government have paid for acquiring them?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot anticipate, Sir.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I ask whether provision was made in the Budget without deciding which work is to be taken up during the next year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The major portion of the provision in the Budget is for land acquisition charges.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): In the light of the fact that the Thampanoor Valley Scheme has been postponed, what do the Government propose to do with the ten lakhs of rupees allotted for the purpose?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Government may keep the amount with them or spend it on other town-planning works.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Do the Government consider that the Thampanoor Valley requires improvement?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam*): May I take it that the provision of Rs. 10 lakhs in the Budget for next year, for the Thampanoor Valley, includes the sum of Rs. 5 lakhs provided for in the Budget for the current year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes. Practically nothing was spent on the valley last year.

The Rubber Factory.

183. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of the articles manufactured in the Trivandrum Rubber Factory;

(b) the total amount of expenditure incurred by them from the date of opening of the Factory till 20-8-1111, for maintaining the same, including the pay and allowance of the Officers and wages of the employees;

(c) the total amount of the sale proceeds of the manufactured articles in the Factory from the date of its opening till 20-8-1111;

(d) whether the Rubber Expert has submitted a report to Government regarding the appointment of his relation in the Factory;

(e) if the answer to part (d) is in the affirmative, the action taken by them on the same;

(f) whether any Travancorean has applied for an appointment as an Assistant to the Expert and, if so, the action taken by Government or the Expert in the matter; and

(g) whether they have fixed the salary of the Rubber Expert and asked him to train some Travancoreans for the work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Rs. 20,613-4-3, up to end of Kumbham 1111.

(b) Rs. 82,890-1-7.

(c) Rs. 1,508-19-13.

(d) Yes.

(e) The appointment was vetoed.

(f) No.

(g) Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to part (d), may I know the grounds mentioned in the report of the Rubber Expert for appointing his relation in the Rubber Factory?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The report is confidential.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to part (g), may I know the method of training adopted by the Rubber Expert in the training that he gives to some Travancoreans?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is a very difficult question for me to answer, Sir.

PRESIDENT: You are not a Rubber Expert.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I ask how the Government made up their minds to rely solely on a single individual for the success of the Rubber Factory?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Because he is a Rubber Expert.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): With reference to part (g), may I know the pay that has been fixed for the Expert?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 500.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): With regard to the Travancoreans who are to be trained by the Expert, are there covenants with them that, after they have been trained, they would serve the Travancore Government, for a fixed period, on certain terms?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Even in regard to Mr. Helen, the whole difficulty arose because there was no definite agreement with him when his services were first engaged.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No, Sir, there was an agreement.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I am speaking with reference to his obligation to train up some Travancoreans in the work.

PRESIDENT: You are asking whether there was that condition in the agreement?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No, Sir. There was no such condition in the agreement.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): In the case of the apprentices who are being trained by the Rubber Expert, is there any agreement with them that they should serve the Travancore Government, on particular terms, for a fixed number of years, after they have been trained?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Will the Government please see that the apprentices are made to execute such agreements?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Government will consider that question.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Does the Rubber Expert get any kind of commission, over and above his salary?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Does not the agreement with him provide for some commission for him?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That is only under certain conditions.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): What was the pay originally fixed for him?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 500.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether the training given to these Travancoreans is such that any of them can ultimately take the place of the Expert?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Each one of them will be fit for the work for which he is being trained now.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I want to know whether there will be any one among them who could ultimately take the place of Mr. Helen when he goes away?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is hoped that the Travancoreans who are now being trained will be able to carry on the various kinds of works done in the factory.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): How many Travancoreans are undergoing training now in the Factory?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): All the 90 or 95 hands employed in the Factory are learning the work.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Are these hands expected to gain expert knowledge in the work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, in the kind of work that each one of them is doing.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU-PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Are not some of the processes kept as secrets by the Expert?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I believe so.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Is anybody being trained for replacing Mr. Helen ultimately?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Does any of the Travancoreans employed in the Factory know the nature of the chemicals that are being mixed with the rubber?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I do not know what the process of mixing is.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): How has the member been able to say that there were certain processes kept as secrets by the Expert?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The nature of the work is such that there must be some trade secrets.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In the light of such secrets, how do the Government hope that, when Mr. Helen goes away, one of the Travancoreans, now being trained by him, will be able to take his place.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is hoped that in course of time they will be able to get an idea of everything done there.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Even the secrets?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have the Government considered the question of deputing a Travancorean for training in western countries, so that we may have a suitable hand to manage the institution when Mr. Helen goes away?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What do they propose to do if Mr. Helen refuses to continue here?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The question will be considered then.

PRESIDENT: The time allotted for Questions and Answers has expired. The remaining questions and answers, as also the unstarred questions, will, as usual, be included in today's proceedings.

The Kozhencherry Bridge.

184. * **MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representation regarding the necessity of erecting a bridge across the Pampa river at Kozhencherry; and

(b) if so, what action have the Government taken on such representation?